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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS PINT EG
SUBJECT: ABSENCE OF ALARM WITHIN GOE

1. EVERY INDICATION WE HAVE HAD THUS FAR IS THAT GOE POLITICIANS ARE COMMUNICATING NO SENSE OF UNEASE AT DEVELOPING MILITARY SITUATION. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH CORRESPONDENTS AND DIPLOMATS WHO SAW GHORBAL, HEYKAL AND ISMAIL FAHMY LATE YESTERDAY. DE BORCHGRAVE SAW HEYKAL THIS MORNING. IN ALL CASES, THESE EGYPTIANS HAVE GIVEN NO SIGN THAT THEY BELIEVE PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION IS DETERIORATING.

2. THIS MAY MEAN THAT EHY KNOW WHAT SITUATION IS AND ARE SIMPLY KEEPING A STIFF UPPER LIP; OR THAT THEY REMAIN OPTIMISTIC AS TO OUTCOME; OR THAT THEY ARE NOT BEING TOLD THE TRUTH BY THEIR OWN MILITARY.

3. IT SEEMS IMPROBABLE THAT BOTH HEYKAL AND THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ARE NOT AWARE OF SITUATION. NEVERTHELESS, LATTER POSSIBILITY IS REINFORCED SOMEWHAT BY REPORT FROM USINT SOURCE THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY COMMAND HAS INFORMED
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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR THAT YESTERDAY'S ACTION INVOLVED NO MORE THAN 50 ISRAELI TANKS WHICH HAD BEEN SURROUNDED AND CONTAINED BY NIGHTFALL.
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